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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

1. This application is a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 of pending prior application No. 09/960,700 filed on September 24, 2001 of:

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For: **Methods of Sterilizing Biological Mixtures Using Stabilizer Mixtures**

Prior Application: 09/960,700
Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane
Group Art Unit: 1744

2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

A new divisional application:

59 Pages of specification including
47 Pages of description
11 Pages of claims
01 Page of abstract
08 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1A through 6)

3. Oath or Declaration: A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
4. Assignment: The prior application is assigned of record to Clearant Inc. at Reel/Frame 012394/0537 on December 26, 2001.
5. Small Entity Status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and is still proper and desired.

6. Extension of Time in Parent Application No. 09/960,700: For the purposes of maintaining copendency between prior application 09/960,700 and this continuation application, Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time extending the period for response from July 21, 2004 to October 21, 2004, the fee for which is \$490.00 as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a Petition therefor.

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

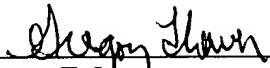
CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee \$790.00
Total Claims	1 – 20	0	\$ 18.00 each =	+\$00.00
Independent Claims	1 – 3	0	\$ 88.00 each =	+\$00.00
Multiple dependent claims			\$300.00	+\$00.00
Sub-total =				\$790.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				-\$395.00
Total Filing Fee =				\$395.00

8. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$885.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the application filing fee (\$395.00) and the three-month extension of time fee in prior application 09/960,700 (\$490.00).
9. Additional Papers Filed:
- (i) Copy of Declaration
 - (ii) Copy of Power of Attorney filed in prior application 09/960,700
 - (iii) Submission of Formal Drawings
 - (iv) Eight sheets of formal drawings (Figure 1A to Figure 6)
10. Please address all correspondence to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at Customer No. 009629.
11. **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Please accord this new U.S. Continuation Application a serial number and filing date.

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